fuse to run sick units by forming their own co-operatives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (e) In the meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee held on 20.1.1992 certain Central Trade Union Organisations suggested setting up of workers' cooperatives by the workers voluntarily investing in the equity share of the sick public sector companies. However, no proposal has been received in the Ministry of Labour from any Trade Union or group of workers of any sick public sector unit for running the unit by forming workers' cooperative.

Ministry of Labour has not worked out any general scheme for workeds' cooperative for running sick units. It is mandatory for the management of a sick public sector countdy to refer the case to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) as per the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. Revival of sick industrial companies through workers' cooperatives is one of the measures feasible under the Act. Proposals of workers for revival of sick industrial companies, whenever received, are considered on merits by the BIFR. Suspension of Banks and creditors liabilities of individual sick units is a matter to be considered as part of rehabilitation proposals before BIFR after opportunities are given to the creditor institutions concerned.

Demand for pension as a third retirement benefit

*8. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have turned down the employees' demand for providing pension as a third retirement benefit besides GPF and gratuity to the workers, including journalists;

(b) if so, what was the precise demand of the employees; and

(c) what is the ground on which the same has been turned down?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Some individuals/ trade unions have demanded provision of Pension as a third benefit in addition to the contributory Provident Fund. The Government has not favoured functioning of both the CPF and Pension scheme simultaneosuly as they are mutually exclusive. Therefore, the question of providing pension as a third benefit to the EPF subscribers does not arise.

Correlations-between income and supplies under PDS

*9. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a correlation between the per capita income and per capita supplies under public distribution system in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the richer States have accounted for a larger share in the Public Distribution System; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFARIS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) Allocations of PDS Commodities to States/UTs are not made on the basis of per capita income. The Central Government makes bulk allocation of commodities such as rice, wheat, kerosene, soft coke and imported edible oils to the State Government/UT Administrations taking into account the position of stocks in Central Pool, inter-se requirements of States/UTs and seasonal factors. Levy sugar allocation is generally made on a uniform norm of 425 gms. per capita monthly availability to the projected population as on 1.10.1986. A 5% adhoc increase in the levy sugar allocation was granted to States/UTs from